

MYRMELEON GRANDE.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Os maxillosum, dentibus duobus. Palpi quatuor elongati.

Stemmata nulla.

Cauda maris forcipe e filamentis duobus rectiusculis.

Antennæ clavatæ, longitudine thoracis.

Alæ deflexæ.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 913.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MYRMELEON antennis gracilibus clavatis, alis fusco maculato-fasciatis.

Drur. Ins. Exot. 3. t. 41.

Disseruere interdum physici de eleganti hoc insecto, quasi mera esset varietas Myrmeleontis *libelluoidis*. Rectius fortasse statuatur speciem esse revera diversam. In Africa generatur Myrmeleon grande, et veram ejus magnitudinem cernere est in tabula.





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Libellula depressa L.



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THE
GREAT MYRMELEON.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Mouth furnished with jaws and two teeth.

Feelers four, elongated.

Stemmata none.

Tail (of the male) forcipated by two straitish filaments.

Antennæ equalling the thorax in length, and clavated.

Wings deflected.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

MYRMELEON with slender, clavated antennæ, and wings barred by patches of brown.

Drury Ins. 3. t. 41.

This elegant insect, which is sometimes regarded as a variety only of the Myrmeleon libelluloides, may, perhaps, with greater propriety be considered as constituting a distinct species. It is a native of Africa, and is represented in its natural size.